

**Weavers Engaged In Handloom Sector**

5040. **SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:** Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of handloom weavers in the country, state-wise;

(b) the estimated production of handloom textile in the country per year;

(c) the estimated average individual and family income of the weavers in the country; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to upgrade the income of the weavers and the family from the production of handloom textiles?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT):** (a) A statement indicating the State-wise details of number of persons engaged in the weaving and preparatory activities in the handloom sector, as revealed by the National Handloom Census conducted in 1987-88, is attached.

(b) During the years 1989-90 and 1990-91, the estimated production of cloth in the handloom sector has been 4155 million metres and 4541 million metres respectively.

(c) One of the findings of the National

Handloom Census on the economic status of the weavers revealed that 50.0 percent of the total weaver households in the country earned more than Rs. 500/- per month. Those earning between Rs. 201/- to Rs. 500/- constituted 43.3 percent of the households. Only 6.7 percent of weaver households earned upto Rs. 200/- per month.

(d) In addition to the existing ongoing schemes being implemented by the Government for the economic upliftment of handloom weavers through modernisation and technological upgradation, the following new schemes have been announced during the current year :-

(i) A scheme of 'Margin Money for Destitute Weavers' which envisages capital support to the cooperative societies organised by the destitute weavers. The scale of assistance provided under this scheme is Rs. 2000/- per destitute Weaver subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.00 lakh per society;

(ii) Integrated Handloom Village development Scheme envisaging a package of facilities in terms of skill upgradation, productivity etc., to give concerted and special attention to the handloom weavers in identified villages.

(iii) Project Package Scheme providing for benefit to specific need based target groups or to specific area or to production of a specific product.

## STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of the States/UTs	Number of Persons engaged in weaving and preparatory work			
		Full time	part time	Total	5
1	2	3	4	5	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	367498	85456	452954	
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	729	46556	47285	
3.	Assam	446844	1549909	1996753	
4.	Bihar	119335	120175	239510	
5.	Goa	29	51	80	
6.	Gujarat	48507	19258	67765	
7.	Haryana	22827	2386	25013	
8.	Himachal Pradesh	7160	46981	54141	
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	29241	24059	53300	
10.	Karnataka	159661	21243	180904	
11.	Kerala	59391	5525	64916	
12.	Madhya Pradesh	50242	26480	76722	
13.	Maharashtra	102671	31499	134170	

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1	2	3	4	5	Total
14.	Manipur	120733	213893		334626
15.	Meghalaya	627	13196		13823
16.	Mizoram	2202	126616		128818
17.	Nagaland	40729	106858		147587
18.	Orissa	164939	78789		243728
19.	Punjab	13481	9074		22555
20.	Rajasthan	56553	20985		77538
21.	Tamil Nadu	568394	94924		663318
22.	Tripura	22659	114575		137234
23.	Uttar Pradesh	418573	222023		640596
24.	West Bengal	499400	212163		711563
25.	Delhi	110882	615		11697
26.	Pondicherry	5037	1497		6534
	Total:	3338344	3194816		6539160